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Statement of

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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY**

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1:15 p.m.

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in consideration of

SB 901
RELATING TO THE AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chairs Nishihara and Wakai, Vice Chairs Wakai and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **strongly supports** this bill to eliminate the requirement for the Governor to appoint ex-officio members of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

We believe the selection and appointment of the ex-officio committee members representing the Hawaii Economic Development Boards and the University of Hawaii should be selected and appointed by the heads of the institutions they represent. This would both simplify and expedite the Committee appointment process.

DBEDT strongly urges the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology to pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.